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PASSED ON JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

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1. PLENARY SESSION THIS MORNING APPROVED MODIFIED RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS BY VOTE OF 24-0-11 (US, UK, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, CANADA, COSTA RICA, FRG, FINLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS). RESOLUTION VOTED ON AS WHOLE WITHOUT PARA BY PARA VOTE. JAPAN WAS MOST NOTABLE ADDITION TO ARAB, AFRICAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN VOTES IN FAVOR.

2. SKILFUL CORRIDOR NEGOTIATION BY JAMAICAN MEMBER

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(WINTER) WITH ARABS AND ISRAELIS RESULTED IN OPERATIVE

PARAS SIGNIFICANTLY SOFTER THAN THOSE REPORTED REFTEL A.

3. EGYPTIAN BOARD MEMBER AND LEBANESE PERMREP OBSERVED WITH APPRECIATION THAT US STANCE HAD BEEN FAIR. LEBANESE STATED WITH AGREEMENT OF EGYPTIAN THAT ARABS COULD NOT HAVE REASONABLY INSISTED ON MORE THAN ABSTENTION BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED ANYTHING LESS.

4. WHEREAS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE PARA 6 WAS "CONDEMNS ISRAEL," NEW PARA "CONDEMNS THE PERSISTENT VIOLATIONS BY ISRAEL" OF PREVIOUS GENERAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD RESOLUTIONS. MOREOVER, WHOLE LAST PARA WHICH WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL CONFERENCE TO "TAKE FURTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES AGAINST ISRAEL TO MAKE IT RESPECT THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS" WAS DELETED AND REPLACED BY PARA WHICH "DECIDES TO SUBMIT THE MATTER TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION FOR DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON FURTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE." COMPLETE TEXT BEING AIRPOUCHED.

5. PERMREP MADE INTERVENTION IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE SS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL

B. PERMREP CITED US CONCERN FOR THESE AND ALL HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, BUT STATING US ADVOCACY OF OBJECTIVE, AS DISTINCT FROM POLITICALLY INFLUENCED CONSIDERATION SUCH ISSUES AND EXPLAINED US ABSTENTION REFLECTED BOTH AWARENESS OF SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED, OUR CONTINUING RESERVATIONS WITH ASPECTS OF THIS RESOLUTION AND RELEVANCE TO US EFFORTS TO SEEK JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.

6. VOTE PRECEDED BY VIGOROUS BUT ORDERLY AND RELATIVELY REASONED DEBATE. APART FROM ARAB CRITICISMS OF ISRAELIS WHICH LATTER, PRESENT AS OBSERVERS, WERE PERMITTED TO RESPOND TO, SOVIETS MADE INTERVENTION WHICH MOST NOTABLY ASKED THAT UNESCO "ENSURE ITS PERMANENT PRESENCE IN JERUSALEM." CHINESE PREDICTABLY CONDEMNED "ILLEGAL ZIONIST ACTS" BUT REFERRED TO BOTH "SUPER POWERS" AS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERLYING ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.
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